

## **Support HB968**

Regulated Firearms - Straw Purchase - Penalties

Art Novotny

3/4/2020

With the advent of the Handgun Qualification License (which includes training on firearms laws), and the electronic 77r application to buy a regulated firearm, there is no way a person could “accidentally” participate in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm in Maryland.

Anyone who attempts a straw purchase clearly has *mens rea*, and is doing it for nefarious purposes. Straw purchase is essentially theft of a firearm, and should be punished as such to keep illegal guns off of the street.